Friend, marry when thou please, yet shalt thou find
Thy wife bad always, and but use her ill
And she is worse , but use her vtell and kind
She is worser then, and so continue will
Yet is she good if she but once would die ,
But better if she packed before thyself ,
But best of all if she went speedily
Leaving behind to thee her hoarded wealth

pit rent nam pit rem
Qm ca vxo poe ca atque dolo
ret re na
ret re

8th March A SPANISH SHIP BUR><T

From Plymouth comes news that a ship of Sir Ferdinando Gorges encountered a Spanish ship of 500 tons at the Rock, which had been discharged of the greater part of her ordnance and was to be made ready to go to St John de Porto Rico. She had in her some 60 small shot, who by reason of the greatness of the ship, lying so high above, beat back our men with loss of seven upon their first entry. After this the mariners could not by any means be drawn to enter her afresh, wherefore the captain was enforced to lay his sides unto hers, and so battered her until at last she was ready to sink The enemy perceiving this cried for mercy, and so after expense of 164 shot of the demiculverin ancfeaker, they took her All the Spaniards that were left alive were set on shore and the ship burnt before their faces

i$tb March *A* PETITION OF THE MERCHANTS TRADING IN ITALY

The merchants trading in Italy have petitioned Sir Robert Cecil that the demands of the messenger come from Italy may be kindly and acceptably answered, and restitution made of the Venetians' goods, otherwise the Venetians will fall to seizing our ships and goods, and their example will draw on the Duke of Florence to oppress all the English ships in his ports. Hereby shall our traffic in all the Straits be brought to an end, and no employment left for English ships of any burden.